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SUBJECT: MEDIA EMPHASIS ON U.S. DELAYS IN ANGOLA AIRLIFT AID

SUMMARY: LISBON RADIO AND PRESS ARE PLAYING UP LACK OF
ANNOUNCED PLAN FOR U.S. AIRLIFT FOR ANGOLAN REFUGEES, WHILE
POINTING OUT THAT FRANCE'S PLANES WILL BEGIN AIRLIFT ON MONDAY.
END SUMMARY.

1. RADIO PICKS UP STATE DEPT. BRIEFING ITEM: GOP'S RADIO
EMISSION AUG. 29 MORNING NEWSCASTS REPORT THAT STATE DEPART-
MENT SAYS IT HAS RECEIVED OFFICIAL PORTUGUESE REQUEST FOR
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ANGOLAN AIRLIFT ASSISTANCE. NEWSCASTS SAYS, "ALTHOUGH THE

U.S. PRESIDENT DID NOT RESPOND IMMEDIATELY, WASHINGTON AGREES
IN PRINCIPLE TO GRANT THE AID SOUGHT".

2. POINTED REFERENCES TO OTHER COUNTRIES AID: BOTH EMISSORA NA-
CIONAL AND AUG. 29 COMMUNIST-DOMINATED O SECURE

REPORTS POINT-
EDLY NOTE THAT OTHER COUNTRIES ALREADY HAVE BEEN FORTHCOMING
WITH AIRLIFT OFFERS. EMISSORA NACIONAL SAYS, "THE FRENCH GOVERN-
MENT ANNOUNCED THAT BEGINNING NEXT MONDAY FRENCH AIRPLANES WILL
BEGIN TO EVACUATE REFUGEES FROM LUANDA". O SECULO QUOTES PORT-
UGUESE FOREIGN MINISTER MARIO RUIVO AS SAYING THAT "THE
SLUGGISHNESS OF THE (U.S.) ASSISTANCE IS LINKED TO EFFORTS
TO CREATE DIFFICULTIES FOR THE NEW ROVERNMENT OF PORTUGAL.
FRANCE AND GREAT BRITAIN OFFERED THEIR ASSISTANCE FOR THE
ANGOLAN REFUGEES' EVACUATION, BUT THE OFFERS THE PORTUGUESE
GOVERNMENT HAVE RECEIVED ARE INSUFFICIENT, GIVEN THE MAGNI-
TUDE OF THE TASK." PAPER SOURCES THESE STATEMENTS TO THE
OFFICIAL GOP NEWS SERVICE ANI AND PRENSA LATINA.
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